MINNESOTA WETLANDS CONSERVATION PLAN

Date: 1997 Organizational Structure: Minnesota Departments of Natural Resources, Transportation, and Agriculture; the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency; and the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources. The plan was created by a diverse group of local government staff, farmers and other business interests, environmental advocates, and agency staff. Consensus: Collaborative effort by committees and participants, consensus requirement not mentioned. Coordinator: DNR hired full-time plan coordinator, supported by current staff. Process: Meetings averaged once a month, some months skipped, with some months having two-day meetings. Broke into committees and subcommittees, which presented findings to the group as a whole. Components: Introduction Highlights Origins and Purpose Audience Implementation Assessment of current conditions Wetlands Resources State Policies Indian and Federal Management Development strategy for the Plan Goal Statement Regional Management Strategy State to Local Bridge Regional Differences Restoration/Maintenance Priorities **Regional Descriptions** Statewide Management Strategy Statewide Concerns Management Settings Mitigation Siting and Transfer Restoration Program

State Wetland Bank

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Planning Participants

The Plan is accompanied by a Wetlands Mitigation Banking Study, and a Memorandum of agreement for implementation of the plan.